lopment Corporation Limited, Bata India Limited and IRBI, for preparing a viability report on National Tannery Company Limited, which has already submitted its report.

Japanese aid for NTPC projects

1276. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NTPC has been assured a sizable Japanese aid of Rs. 880 crore for its various projects;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Japanese assistance will be utilised for the expansion of Ramagundam and Farakka Power Plants and for laying the transmission lines of the Rihand Project; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the investment proposed to the above projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) The National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has raised the following loans from Japan for financing its various projects:—

(i) 10 billion yen from the Industrial Bank of Japan and the Nippon Life Insurance Company for general purposes.

(ii) 62 billion yen from the Exim Bank of Japan to meet expenditure on local costs for the Ramagundam Super Thermal Power Project Stage-II, the Farakka Super Thermal Power Project Stage-II and the Rihand Power Transmission Project.

(iii) 30 billion yen from a syndicate of banks and financial institutions to finance a portion of the requirements of the Ramagundam Super Thermal Power Project Stage-II, the Farakka Super Thermal Power Project Stage-II and the Rihand Transmission Lines Project.

Setting up of coal based power stations in coastal areas

1277. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Electricity Authority is awaiting a report from the RITES on the possibility of setting up of a string of coal-based power stations in the coastal areas of the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that the RITES is expected to go into the logistics of moving coal from the collieries in Orissa and other parts of the country as well as from the overseas sources for power houses set up on the coasts of the Southern States; and

(c) by when the report is expected by the CEA from the RITES?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) M/s. Rail India Technical & Economic Services Limited (RITES) are expected to go into the least cost solution in regard to transportation of coal from the Talcher coalfields in Orissa to various sites for coastal thermal stations. M/s. RITES have submitted their first draft report to the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) in April, 1988 and their final report is awaited.

Delay in despatch of electricity bills for Vasant Vihar CPWD Complex

1278. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer